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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. From 1500 to 1700 on 23 and 24 January 1955, reports of medium AA guns were heard, but no towed targets were observed. Public announcements indicated that the area east of Neusiedler See (lake) was closed for traffic of all kinds from 22 to 25 January 1955. 25X1
 2. From 20 to 22 January 1955, the AAA camp southeast of Apetlon was unoccupied and unguarded.
 3. On 20 and 22 January 1955, truck with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets which was located with full water barrels travelled toward Meierhof (estate), 2 kilometers south of Apetlon. On 22 January 1955, trucks which came from the direction of Meierhof passed through the town. All drivers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two low brick buildings each of which had a quartering capacity of about 100 men were constructed southwest of Meierhof. Eight 85-mm AA guns, 8 trucks and an oversize van-like trailer whose roof mounted loudspeaker-like presumably model 27 devices were parked near the newly constructed low buildings. 25X1
 4. the Soviet major who lived in the former customs houses on the northwestern perimeter of the town had ordered a butcher to supply fresh meat daily starting on 10 February 1955. 25X1
 the arrival of Soviet troops and the occupation of parts of Meierhof was expected after 9 February 1955. 25X1
- Comment. The Apetlon AAA range which had been unoccupied since September 1954 has apparently been used again after 22 January 1955. One of the motor vehicle belonged to the 23d AAA Div which is stationed at Stockerau, while the other belonged to units stationed at Apetlon. The model 27 radar set has only occasionally been observed and cannot be considered part of the standard equipment. 25X1

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